

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2563
ANSWERED ON:16.12.2004
DTH SERVICE OF AIR
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Direct to Home (DTH) service of All India Radio is likely to be launched;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of channels on which the programme would be broadcast;
- (d) whether some of the services of AIR are likely to be closed down; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

- (a) & (b) : Doordarshan's Ku Band project, which includes 30 TV channels and 12 AIR channels, is scheduled to be inaugurated on 16.12.2004. Ku Band signals are available throughout the country except Andaman & Nicobar Islands. The signals can be received with the help of Ku Band receive system.
- (c) : 12 Channels of All India Radio are included in the Ku Band bouquet of Prasar Bharati.
- (d) No, Sir.
- (e) Does not arise.